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SUBJ: WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO PRC

- 1. DURING HIS THREE DAY VISIT TO PEKING (AUGUST 4-7), UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM HAD A SERIES OF TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA LASTING FIVE HOURS, WAS TREATED BY HUANG TO A BANQUET, AND PAID CALLS ON PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG AND NPC STANDING COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN TENG YING-CHAO. FOLLOWING A VISIT TO SEVERAL PROVINCIAL CITIES, WALDHEIM WILL LEAVE THE PRC AUGUST 11.
- 2. ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN EMBOFF WHO SAW WALDHEIM AT SEVERAL POINTS DURING VISIT, SECRETARY GENERAL'S TRIP WAS BASICALLY A COURTESY CALL. TALKS WITH HUANG DEALT WITH MOST ISSUED BEFORE UN, BUT HUANG REPORTEDLY DID NOT DEPART FROM WELL KNOWN PRC POSITIONS. DISARMAMENT MATTERS WERE NOT DISCUSSED.
- 3. ONE POINT MADE BY HUANG WAS THAT PRC WAS STILL CONFIDENTIAL

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UNABLE TO STAFF ALL THOSE UN POSITIONS WHICH ARE ALLOTTED TO THEM. VISIBLE CONFIRMATION OF THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS WAS PROVIDED AT BANQUET, WHOSE GUESTS INCLUDED NUMBER OF CHINESE-SPEAKING UN STAFF WHO HAPPENED TO BE IN PEKING ON A VISIT UNCONNECTED WITH WALDHEIM TRIP. MAJORITY OF THEM APPEARED TO BE YOUNG CHINESE-AMERICANS WHOSE ENGLISH WAS OFTEN BETTER THAN THEIR CHINESE.

- 4. ONLY DIPLOMATS INVITED TO BANQUET WERE AUSTRIANS, YUGOSLAVS AND PAKISTANIS. AUSTRIANS INTERPRET THIS AS SYMBOLIC OF PRC'S VIEWS OF UN AS A FORUM FOR MOBILIZING THIRD WORLD AGAINST THE SUPERPOWERS. THIS VIEW WAS TYPIFIED BY HUANG HUA'S BANQUET SPEECH, IN WHICH HE SAID "WE CONSIDER THAT THE HISTORICAL TEST THE UNITED NATIONS NOW FACES IS TO FREE ITSELF FROM THE CONTROL OF THE SUPERPOWERS SO THAT IT MAY GIVE FULL EXPRESSION TO THE JUST PROPOSITIONS AND REASONABLE DEMANDS OF THE NUMEROUS THIRD WORLD AND SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COUNTRIES.
- 5. MEETING WITH PREMIER HUA APPARENTLY HAD LITTLE SUBSTANCE TO IT. HUA SPENT MOST OF MEETING GIVING HIS VISITOR LONG ACCOUNT OF DEPREDATIONS OF GANG OF FOUR, AND PROVED UNWILLING TO BE DRAWN INTO SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.
- 6. A GERMAN EMBOFF, WHO HAS THE INFORMATION SECOND-HAND FROM UNDISCLOSED SOURCE, HAS TOLD US THAT HUANG HUA TOLD WALDHEIM PRC'S ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS WOULD DEFINITELY BE HELD IN AUGUST.
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